

# **AUBURN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

## **REGULAR SESSION**

**October 13, 2003**

**Closed Session 5:30 p.m.**

**Regular Session 6:00 p.m.**

The Regular Session of the Auburn City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall at 1225 Lincoln way, Auburn, California with Mayor Kathy Sands presiding and City Clerk Joseph G.R. Labrie recording the minutes.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

### **ROLL CALL**

**Council Members Present:** Alice Dowdin, Kevin Hanley,  
Cheryl Maki, Mike Holmes, Mayor  
Kathy Sands

**Council Members Absent:** None

**Staff Members Present:** City Manager Bob Richardson  
City Attorney Charles Wachob  
Community Development Director  
Will Wong  
Public Works Director Tom  
Fossum  
Engineering Division Manager  
Bernie Schroeder  
Associate Planner Reg Murray  
Administrative Analyst/Transit  
Manager Joanna Belanger

By **MOTION** adjourn to a Closed Session under Government Code  
Section 54956.8: **MOTION: Holmes/Maki/Approved by voice**

### **CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS**

Property: Auburn Union School District Property -4.2 acre parcel  
Agency Negotiator: City Manager  
Negotiating Parties: City of Auburn and Auburn Union School District  
Under Negotiation: Instruction regarding price and/or terms of payment

**RECONVENE** Regular Session 6:00 p.m.

## **REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

No reportable action taken by the Council.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

## **MAYOR'S COMMENDATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor's Commendation: Auburn Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Bruce Cosgrove for 20 Years of Service

The Commendation was continued to a later date.

## **AGENDA APPROVAL**

The agenda was approved without objection.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

### **1. Council Minutes**

By **MOTION** approve City Council Minutes of July 28, August 11, and August 18, 2003.

### **2. Auburn Multimodal Station Project**

By **RESOLUTION 03-114** authorize the Director of Public Works to execute Contract Change Order #1 with Azteca Construction, Inc. for additional work associated with the Auburn Multimodal Station Project in an amount not to exceed \$77,582.41.

### **3. Assignment of Lease for Airport Property between the City of Auburn and Earhart Technical Center to Pacific Power Management**

By **RESOLUTION 03-115** approve and authorize the City Manager to execute an assignment of the lease for airport property between the City of Auburn and the Earhart Technical Center, a California General Partnership, to Pacific Power Management, a California General Partnership.

4. **2003-04 Street Overlay Project Phase 1**

By **RESOLUTION 03-116** authorize the Director of Public Works to execute a construction contract with Teichert Construction for the 2003-04 Overlay Project Phase 1 in an amount not to exceed \$366,911.

5. **Consultant Agreement to administer Revolving Loan Fund Program**

By **RESOLUTION 03-117** authorize the Community Development Director to execute a Consultant Agreement between the City of Auburn and Sierra Economic Development District to administer Revolving Loan Fund Program.

6. **Consultant Agreement for Plan Check Service**

Item removed by Council Member Hanley; follows Consent Calendar.

\*\*\*\*\* End of Consent Calendar \*\*\*\*\*

By **MOTION** approve Consent Calendar as amended. **MOTION:**  
**Maki/Holmes/Approved 5:0**

7. **Consultant Agreement for Plan Check Service**

Community Development Director Will Wong explained that, because of its current workload, staff is unable to check improvement and construction plans in a timely manner. Staff recommends utilizing the services of North Fork Associates, a local planning firm that staff had worked with before.

Currently the turn-around time for plan approval by staff is several weeks. The maximum turn-around time for North Fork will be ten days. Staff will make the final decisions, not North Fork. This agreement applies exclusively to construction and improvement plans.

No applicant will be required to use North Fork's services. If the applicant feels that North Fork can process their plans more quickly, then the applicant will have the option of using its services. However he will have to pay for them.

By **RESOLUTION 03-118** authorize the Community Development Director to execute a Consultant Agreement between the City of Auburn and North Fork Associates for plan check services. **MOTION: Hanley/Maki/**  
**Approved 5:0**

8. **Public Comment**

Marika Leonard, member of the Arts Commission, thanked all involved over the past year for their efforts on behalf of and support of the Arts Commission.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

9. **Transit Fare Increases**

Public Works Director Tom Fossum introduced this item. He reported that the last rate increase occurred about eight years ago. The Transportation Development Act requires that the fare box ratio must meet 10% of operating costs. If the ratio is not met, the transit operator has a two-year grace period in which to make the necessary changes that are needed to rectify the ratio. Auburn Transit is not meeting the 10% requirement. Thus the proposed rate increases. The city has two years grace period.

Council Member Holmes said he was not happy with some of the rate increases.

Council Member Hanley wondered if there were any legal problems with contracting out bus service.

Mr. Fossum responded that to the best of his knowledge there would be no legal problems. Usually contracting out is with another transit service.

Council Member Maki suggested an analysis to determine whether contracting out would be beneficial.

Council Member Dowdin said she was not comfortable with the methodology used in determining the increases.

Council Member Holmes wondered why there were no increases over the last eight years.

The Council took no action and the mayor directed staff to explore the possibilities of contracting out the bus service.

**REPORTS**

10. **Informational Reports from Staff**

- A. City Manager 2003-2004 Discretionary Fund Activity  
Written report.

- B. Airport Manager – Monthly Report  
Written report
- C. Fire Chief – Monthly Report  
The Fire Chief reported on the progress of the various ongoing fire safety projects.

11. **City Council Committee Reports**

Council Member Maki submitted a written report about the Placer/Nevada Wastewater Authority. She congratulated and thanked the City of Lincoln for its foresight and wisdom in funding the upsizing of the pipe from the Bickford Ranch to Lincoln. She said this cost the City of Lincoln \$1.9 million. Had they waited until the City of Auburn was ready for it, the cost would have been upwards of \$15 million.

**COUNCIL BUSINESS**

12. **Consider Planning Commission Recommendations to Amend and Implement the Circulation Element of the General Plan**

The Council discussion was mainly about separated sidewalks (sidewalks separated from the street by a strip of land which is landscaped in some fashion).

Council Member Hanley said this is only a preliminary proposal and that the Council should make no decision until staff studies it further and can make recommendations on the various available options.

By **MOTION** direct staff to develop options to implement separated sidewalks on new commercial and residential developments. **MOTION: Hanley/Maki/Approved by voice.**

**Adjournment** at 8:21 p.m.

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Kathy Sands, Mayor

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Joseph G.R. Labrie, City Clerk